

REMARKS

The present Amendment after Allowance assumes that the December 14, 2005 Examiner's Amendment has been entered. The present Amendment after Allowance therefore reflects only the changes made since the Examiner's Amendment, and not since Applicant's September 12, 2005 Amendment.

Reasons for Entering this Amendment after Allowance

Because the Examiner's Amendment was mailed with the Notice of Allowance, Applicant could not have submitted the present Amendment until after such allowance, and accordingly the present Amendment should properly be entered under 37 C.F.R. § 1.312.

Explanation of Content of Amendment after Allowance

The December 14, 2006 Examiner's Amendment incorporated the subject matter of dependent Claims 8, 16, 22 into independent Claims 7, 15, 21, respectively, while canceling those dependent claims and changing the dependencies of Claims 9, 17, and 23. In principle, these changes were approved by Applicant's representative.

However, the Examiner's Amendment included a spelling error (reciting "tow" in Claims 7 and 21 when "two" is correct), and the Examiner's Amendment did not retain the paragraph breaks from the dependent claims. The present Amendment after Allowance merely corrects these minor formal defects and does not introduce new matter or raise new issues. Further, incidental editorial corrections such as eliminating improper occurrences of "and" at the end of earlier method steps resulting from the addition of new method steps at the end of claims, and adding clarifying paragraph labels such as "c)" and "d"), are also made above.

Other Matters

- The Correspondence Address was not updated per the Change of Correspondence Address filed on February 3, 2005. Another Change of Correspondence Address is enclosed.
- The Attorney Docket Number was not amended per either of Applicant's two previously Amendments. Another amendment to the attorney docket number is presented above.

Applicant requests that these matters be attended to.

Conclusion

Issue Fee payment and a FEE ADDRESS INDICATION FORM are also enclosed.

Entry of the present Amendment, and issuance of a patent based on this patent application, are respectfully requested.

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